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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Coordination, DCI

SUBJECT: Status Report on Implementation
of NSCID #3

1. NSCID #3 assigns to the Director of Central Intelligence responsibility for providing, as a facility of common concern, a National Photographic Interpretation Center. This responsibility is to be discharged in consultation with interested USIB members.

2. Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl, having been appointed Director, NPIC, by the DCI, immediately set about the task of planning the organization and production processes of the Center on a national basis. An Ad Hoc Planning Board, comprised of senior representatives of the JCS, Army, Navy, Air Force, and CIA and chaired by the Executive Director, NPIC, was convened on 24 February 1961 to serve as an advisory body to the D/NPIC in order that he might have the viewpoints and guidance of all principally interested USIB members in the establishment of the National Center.

3. To date this planning board has met seven times and has thoroughly considered or reviewed all significant proposals affecting future NPIC operations. Working panels composed of representatives of the military services and CIA have developed plans covering a variety of specific functions. Such plans have been presented to the Ad Hoc Planning Board for consideration. Among the important planning problems considered and resolved to date are a statement of mission and functions, an organizational concept, personnel contributions, photographic analysis procedures, handling of technical development and procurement activities, requirements handling and designation of reports, illustrations, etc.

4. Considering the many interests which must be recognized in a "national" effort of this kind and importance, progress is proceeding apace.

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